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# SG leaders consider division

**Grads, undergrads seek possible compromise through bicameral student senate, two VPs**

Josh Dawsey  
STAFF WRITER

A proposal that could potentially split the USC Student Senate into separate graduate and undergraduate bodies is being discussed, sources close to the situation said Wednesday.

"It's definitely a possibility," Student Body President Andrew Gaeckle said. "Student Government has been an entity over 100 years, so making such changes is something we need to take our time with. We want to make sure we take the right precautions."

Gaeckle, a fourth-year international studies student, said it could be months before any changes were made. The proposal will be brought in front of the entire Senate once all the details are finalized, Sen. Ben Bullock said.

"I could see the proposal being written in a month and hopefully changes made within a year. Yes, documents are being written," Gaeckle said. "But we don't want to rush anything."

Should the bill pass the Senate, two separate houses would meet individually to solve their own problems, Bullock said. Issues that involve both graduate students and undergraduate students would

be voted on in a joint session of both bodies.

There would be two equal vice presidents as well, Bullock said.

"Both bodies would have equal power," said the fourth-year political science student. "There will only be one student body president."

In recent weeks, Graduate Student Association President Reed Curtis had called for an entirely separate Graduate Senate. This compromise will prevent USC from having two separate governments, Curtis said.

"I personally think this is a good idea," Curtis said. "We still need to make sure all the proper checks and balances are in place."

Curtis, a third-year higher education and student affairs graduate student, said he was sure graduate students would support the proposal.

"We will be discussing this with the larger graduate student body," Curtis said. "It's definitely something I think they'd support."

The beginnings of the new proposal came Sunday in a meeting between Gaeckle, Bullock, Curtis, GSA Vice President Alan Tauber, a third-year political science graduate student, and Constitutional Council Chief Justice Cassidy Evans, a fourth-year international studies student.

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Sen. Matt Ungar discusses Cocky's Caravan at Wednesday's meeting.

## Senate Quick Hits

A resolution, brought by second-year economics student Sen. Peter Schaeffing, to close the roof of the Russell House to students was passed unanimously by Student Senate. Schaeffing said the university leaving the door unlocked heightened danger for students and increased the university's liability.

A report from Student Senate showed that the RUSH program, which lowers prices for student tickets at the Koger Center, was a success this year. Student attendance increased 10 percent from last year, according to a report from the Student Services Committee. The Student Senate is still looking to improve the program, Sen. Haley Dreis, a third-year music student, said.

—Compiled by Staff Writer Josh Dawsey

## Cocky's Caravan alters route

*Weekend evening shuttle changes stop, shortens wait times*

Derek Legette  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students who enjoy the nightlife and who do not want to waste gas have a better means of transportation with the changes in Cocky's Caravan's route as it resumes its late-night bus services starting today.

New additions have been implemented in hopes of improving the caravan's route because many students initially had complaints.

Matt Ungar, a second-year public relations student and a SG vice presidential candidate, spearheads the service, which is contracted with the Central Midlands Regional Transist Authority.

"I took a ride on the original route and was disappointed," Ungar said. "We decided that we needed to improve. I talked to [Andrew] Gaeckle and on a Thursday, around midnight, we drove around

different routes while timing ourselves. We knew we were able to make a faster route."

Depending on how successful this new system is, the Cocky's Caravan service may branch out for students living off campus, but Student Body President Andrew Gaeckle said he wants to handle this process step-by-step.

"Off campus is our future aspiration. But right now, we are trying to get something that works and is efficient and useful to the students," the fourth-year international studies student said. "We'll test how it goes and how productive it is. We will reassess at the end of semester before additional changes are made."

Cocky's Caravan will continue to make stops at Capstone, the Russell House and the Vista, but will now travel into the Greek Village, instead of just in front of it.

Two stops will be made in Five Points and the Bates House stop will be moved to the Blatt P.E. Center.

Main roads, such as Gervais and Blossom streets, will be part of the

new route, so students will not be held up by a train coming on the railroad.

Gaeckle said he thinks it's a great service because many students are using it.

"I have used it to go to Five Points three to four times, and once for the Vista myself," Gaeckle said.

Carmel Matin, a third-year political science student and SG presidential candidate, said she has high hopes for the system now that kinks have been worked out.

"It's a more efficient system now that student leaders have improved on what has already been accomplished," Matin said.

David Shipp, a first-year pre-pharmacy student, said he thinks a shorter ride is a better ride.

"I use it every once and a while. A shorter waiting time will be a lot more efficient," Shipp said.

Robby Bonanno, a first-year biology and pre-med student, said he has never used the Cocky's Caravan, but now he is interested.

"I never used it initially because of the lack of convenience, but now that the waiting time has changed I may start to do so," Bonanno said.

The original route took 80 minutes, but now the time has been reduced to 30 or 15 minutes per bus. Cocky's Caravan will continue to run Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. each night.

Ungar is enthusiastic about the change.

"With the route being adjusted I am very excited and have good faith in this new system," Ungar said.

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Delta Zeta hosts the Sweet Caroline Blood Drive annually.

## 'Sweet Caroline' drive honors Delta Zeta sister

**Sorority bands together to increase number of bone marrow donors**

Sierra Kelly  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Delta Zeta Sorority is hosting the 5th Sweet Caroline bone marrow and blood drive Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Abby Dornblaser, vice president of programs for Delta Zeta and second-year business student, said Delta Zeta had a sister, Caroline Terry, who in 2004 was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia.

"That year her sister, her close friends decided to host a bone marrow drive with the Red Cross in order to hopefully find her a match for a transplant that she needed. They held the first one in the fall, and they didn't find a match," Dornblaser said.

Dornblaser said they held another drive in the spring of 2005 and still didn't find a match.

In August 2005, Caroline passed, but every spring since the sorority has hosted the Sweet Caroline bone marrow drive in honor of her by adding names to the bone marrow registry, Dornblaser said. They later

added the blood drive to the annual event.

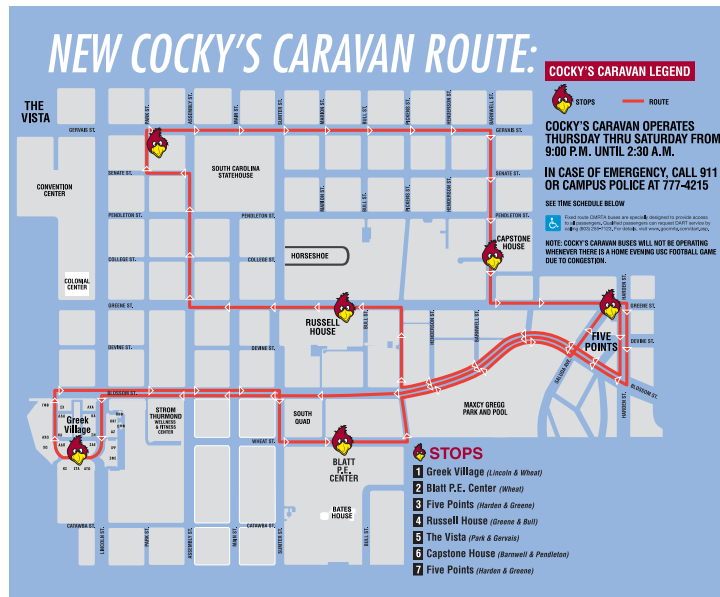
Dornblaser said she never knew her personally, but she knew some of her good friends and she has talked with her family.

"We call it Sweet Caroline because apparently she was one of the sweetest girls in the house at the time, and they all gave her that nickname," Dornblaser said. "The people who I know who knew her have always talked highly of her."

Terry was a criminal psychology student who was very involved with both school, work and Delta Zeta.

Dornblaser said Terry was the type of person who drew people to her and that she cared about others. She said she thinks Delta Zeta continues to do this blood drive in her honor because of Terry's caring attitude.

"I think it's important because leukemia, from my understanding of it, you find out very late in the game. It is not specific to one person," she said. "Susan Cook recently talked to our sorority about it to let our new girls know more in-depth about bone marrow. Cook made the







CAROLINA BRIEFS



- The Women’s Club Volleyball Team will host their spring tournament Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. There will be teams from around the southeast including: Auburn, Georgia, Central Florida, Clemson, Davidson and Georgia Southern.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. present The Pretty Poodle Book Club. They’ll discuss “A Raisin in the Sun” by Lorraine Hansberry today at 7 p.m. in the Russell House, Room 203. For more information, contact Natasha Hopkins at hopkinnl@mailbox.sc.edu or Caitlin Hunt at huntca2@mailbox.sc.edu.
- USC will host the next Healthy Carolina Farmers Market Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between the gates on Greene Street in front of the Russell House. Cash payment is due to the farmer at the time of purchase. This event is co-sponsored by SG and the South Carolina Agriculture Department. For more information please contact Healthy Carolina Coordinator Holly Harring at 803-777-0597.

Q & A WITH  
STUDENT LEADER OF THE  
Week

Justin Fenner, a third-year print journalism student, is the Editor in Chief of the Garnet and Black magazine and Discover Carolina

Q: If you could travel anywhere for one week, where would you go?

A: I would go to Spain. I was there this summer but only for six weeks and I’d love to go back.

Q: What’s your biggest pet peeve?

A: When people use poor grammar. It just irks me.

Q: What is your favorite and least favorite part of your job?

A: My favorite part of my job is that I get to work with a lot of really talented people who love what they do. My least favorite part of my job is that it takes up a lot of my time.

Q: What’s your dream job?

A: My dream is to be the editorial director of the Conde Nast Publications group or else the White House press secretary.

-Compiled by News Editor Liz Segrist

PIC OF THE DAY



Keri Goff / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Antique photos lay on a table at Chic Antiques on the corner of Gervais and Huger streets. Photos, postcards and many other eclectic items are sold at Chic Antiques.

Local

RALEIGH, N.C. - A winter storm confounded forecasters by skipping most areas that were braced for snowfall Wednesday in North Carolina and taking a southerly track that left snow from the mountains to the coastal plain.

Up to 3 inches were reported in Wilson, Dunn, Benson and Southern Pines in central and eastern North Carolina. The National Weather Service said 6 inches were recorded in several mountain areas with up to 10 inches on Mount Mitchell.

“It went farther south than expected,” said meteorologist Scott Sharp at the weather service Raleigh bureau. “It looked like it was going to track along U.S. 64 and it actually went closer to the South Carolina border.”

A winter storm warning remained in effect for mountains in the western part of North Carolina.

In South Carolina, snow started around Rock Hill and Lancaster and spread southeast to Myrtle Beach. Three inches of snow fell in parts of Chesterfield County, while an inch of snow snarled traffic in Florence. Snow also fell as far south as Berkeley County with little accumulations.

Schools were closed across parts of northern South Carolina from Rock Hill east to Marion.

An inch of snow in the Charlotte area surprised forecasters, hobbled early commuters and closed schools.

National

DENVER - In this economy, lawmakers are more willing to let people smoke ‘em if they got ‘em.

As recently as last year, many states and major cities seemed ready to adopt complete indoor smoking bans. But the movement to kick all smokers outdoors has stalled as the recession worsens and lawmakers fear hurting business at bars, restaurants and casinos.

“This economy, it creates a little more sympathy for the businessperson. So when we say this is going to put us out of business, believe me, they’re listening,” said Mike Moser, the Wyoming State Liquor Association executive director.

Twenty-three states, as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, have indoor smoking bans covering bars and restaurants. No one else has adopted a ban in the early weeks of this year’s legislative sessions.

In Colorado, lawmakers are considering easing the rules after they banned smoking in most bars, restaurants and casinos.

New Jersey put off a smoking ban for Atlantic City casinos after five of 11 casinos warned they could file for bankruptcy by year’s end. In Virginia, a proposed statewide ban stalled this year after lawmakers expressed concern about the economy.

Moser’s group opposes an indoor smoking ban that has been offered in Wyoming.

World

TOKYO — After getting struck by a motorcycle, an elderly Japanese man with head injuries waited in an ambulance as paramedics phoned 14 hospitals, each refusing to treat him.

He died 90 minutes later at the facility that finally relented — one of thousands of victims repeatedly turned away in recent years by understaffed and overcrowded hospitals in Japan.

Paramedics reached the accident scene within minutes after the man on a bicycle collided with a motorcycle in the western city of Itami. But 14 hospitals refused to admit the 69-year-old citing a lack of specialists, equipment and staff, said Mitsuhsa Ikemoto, a fire department official.

The Jan. 20 incident was the latest in a string of recent cases in Japan in which patients were denied treatment, underscoring health care woes in a rapidly aging society that faces an acute shortage of doctors and a growing number of elderly patients.

One of the hospitals agreed to provide care when the paramedics called a second time more than an hour after the accident. But the man, who suffered head and back injuries, died soon afterward of shock from loss of blood.

The injured man might have survived if a hospital accepted him more quickly, Ikemoto said.

“I wish hospitals are more willing to take patients, but they have their own reasons, too,” he said.

— The Associated Press

Crime Report

Dear Readers,

As you may have noticed, The Daily Gamecock has been lacking in one of its most popular features since the semester started. For those of you wondering where the Crime Report has gone, don’t worry. It should be back soon.

The USC Law Enforcement and Safety Division has recently installed a new software package to store incident reports. During the transition, the division has run into complications with printing out accurate reports, Director Ernie Ellis said. Because of the complications, our reporters have been unable to access printed versions of incident reports.

In the meantime, Ellis has assured us that anyone wishing to pull up information on categories of crime, specific locations of crime and specific persons involved in crime in recent weeks can do so without a problem. Ellis said he hopes to have printed reports for The Daily Gamecock by the end of the week.

“They are working on it very desperately and we are trying to put it out there as quickly as possible,” Ellis said.

As soon as the information becomes available, Crime Reports will be back in full swing. Thanks for reading.

-Brad Maxwell  
Editor in Chief

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# West Quad earns green recognition

*Environmental group honors building's design, programs*

Travis O. Spears  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The South Carolina American Institute of Architecture honored West Quad for its “environmental, technical and aesthetic excellence.”

Since it opened in 2004, West Quad has received enormous recognition for its conceptual excellence. In December 2008, the South Carolina branch of the AIA Committee on the Environment awarded the “Green” Quad with its COTE Honor Award.

“West Quad received the COTE Honor award, the top award in this category, four years after it opened which signifies the importance of this project when it was conceived and how sustainable design provides an enduring beacon for sustainability at the University of South Carolina as we carry out our mission to ‘research, teach and serve’ the citizens and communities throughout the state of South Carolina,” said Gene Luna, student affairs and academic support associate vice president and facility manager.

The award dually recognizes West Quad for its structural innovations as well as its academic programming.

“It underscores President Harris Pastides’ strong commitment to sustainability at the University of South Carolina,” Luna said.

Malia Griggs, a second-year media arts student, and Tegan Plock, a second-year international studies and French student, participated in Green Explorations, taught by David Whiteman.

The course provided these two students with an introduction to “all things green,” Plock said.

Courses offered through the Green Quad educate students on living a “green” lifestyle. The dormitory serves as an “example and education tool for

the state,” said Michael Koman, the environmental protection manager in the university housing department.

The journey toward “coloring their lives green” prompted both students to save their cardboard and plastic bags and then separate cardboard for separate disposal until a means of recycling them becomes available.

Plock said there are other changes that can be made, such as being conscious of the length of showers, turning water off while brushing teeth and washing dishes, turning out lights before leaving a room and unplugging phone chargers from wall sockets when they are not being used.

West Quad also has a vegetable garden where students grow, produce and participate in composting.

Participation is not dorm-wide. Griggs said many “students who are more environmentally-minded end up [living] here.” Others, she said, “think that it’s just West Quad and not Green Quad.” Even though many students who reside in the Green Quad are not “environmentally-minded,” Griggs said she believes “their eyes are opened.”

The structure also serves as a testament to green building.

Sustainability is defined as “the idea of meeting present needs without compromising the needs of future generations,” according to the university housing Web site.

In essence, they hope by providing proper education about the benefits of “green” living for university students and the state, future generations of South Carolinians will reap the rewards of a healthier environment.

Koman said the Green Quad is a piece of that solution.

“Green building solves part of the problem,” Koman said.

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Have questions for your SG candidates?

Send them to The Daily Gamecock to be submitted for the SG debates on Feb. 9, 11 and 12. Questions directed to senatorial candidates in the Business School and the College of Arts and Sciences as well as candidates for executive office should be submitted by Sunday at 5 p.m.

Attend all three debates and if you miss it, check out our coverage the day after.

- Business School Senatorial Debate: Monday, 8:30 p.m., BA Room 002
- College of Arts and Sciences Senatorial Debate: Thursday, 7 p.m., Coker Life Sciences Building Room 005
- Executive Debate: Wednesday, noon, Greene Street



Jessamine McKeever / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students learn about study abroad opportunities and hear other’s experiences Wednesday.

## USC hypes study abroad

*Students share stories, encourage one another to travel overseas*

Kyle Moores  
STAFF WRITER

The Study Abroad Office aimed to teach students about study abroad opportunities and to learn of others’ experiences abroad last night during the spring Study Abroad Night in the Russell House Ballroom.

“We want to expose students to the different types of study abroad opportunities available to them,” said Jenifer Engel, director of the Study Abroad Office. “But more importantly we want to give them the opportunity to hear from other students who’ve been abroad to hear firsthand accounts of what it’s like to study outside of the country.”

At the event there were several tables set up around the room where students interested in studying abroad could speak to representatives of the various study abroad programs, as well as students who have taken the opportunity to study.

The keynote speaker at the event was Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Fitzpatrick said the purpose of the night was “bringing USC to the world and bringing the world to USC.” Fitzpatrick said it is vitally important for students to study abroad due to “the shortage of globally literate professionals in today’s society.”

Students who took the time to study abroad also had the opportunity to speak during the night.

Katie Mulligan, a fourth-year international studies student, spoke about her experiences in England and Romania.

“What makes you leave isn’t important, what you come back with is what counts,” Mulligan said.

“The great thing about study abroad is that you stop being a tourist,” Emily Supil, a second-year accounting student said. Supil took study abroad trips to China to study in Shanghai. “The more you travel, the more you’ll discover that people are open to anything,” Supil said.

For more information about study abroad opportunities, visit the Overseas Correspondents blog at <http://www.sa.sc.edu/sa/osc.htm>.

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point that it could be one of ours in two months.”

She said the more people they have as a potential match, then the better chance that person has at surviving.

“The consent form takes five minutes at the most,” Dornblaser said. “You

will swab four different areas of your cheek. That information is gaining not just DNA information but your antigens.”

She said there are two different ways to donate for bone marrow transplant: surgically or by donating plasma.

Dornblaser said the goal of the drive is to add names

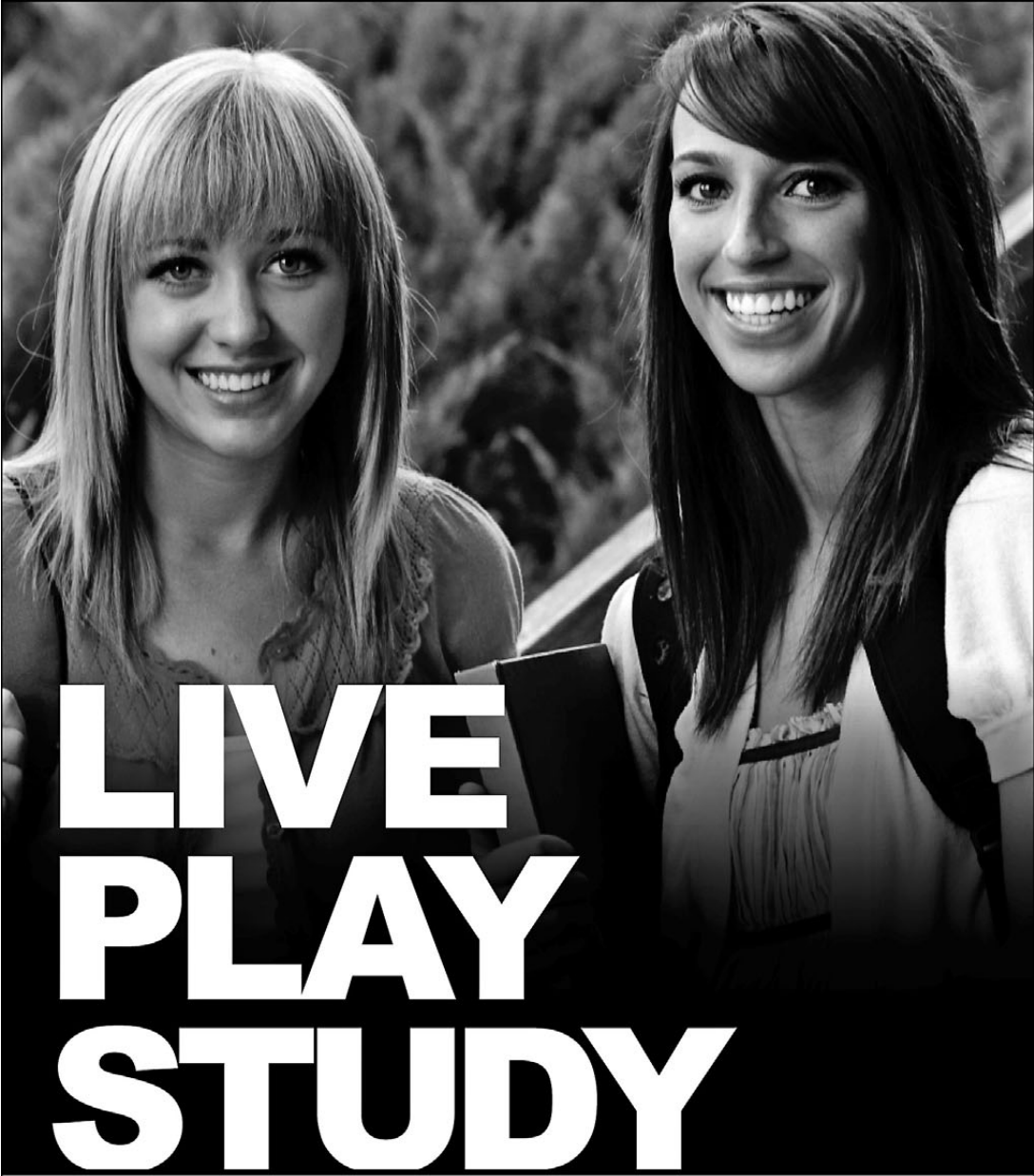
to the bone marrow list and for people to donate blood. She said there are so many people that need a bone marrow transplant.

Elizabeth Hooker, second-year business student will take over the drive next year.

Hooker said she has worked with the sorority in setting up for the drive.

“I know more about the bone marrow drive now,” Hooker said. “You have to be determined and spread the word, because people won’t participate if they do not know about it. If you can save a life, you need to put yourself out there.”

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# Obama signs bill extending kids' health insurance

**New law provides coverage for 4 million uninsured children; step toward new president's promises of universal healthcare**

Kevin Freking & Philip Elliott  
*The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed a bill extending health coverage to 4 million uninsured children, a move he called a first step toward fulfilling a campaign pledge to provide insurance for all Americans.

It was a victory for Obama a day after his nominee to shepherd his broad health care agenda stepped aside amid tax problems.

Obama used an ebullient East Room signing ceremony to continue his push for his plan that would provide universal health insurance, even as he spent much of the previous day admitting he “screwed up” in naming former Sen. Tom Daschle to spearhead the health care overhaul. He wrapped the signing event in another pitch for his separate \$819 billion economic plan that now is under consideration in the Senate and faces Republican opposition.

“As I think everybody here will agree, this is only the first step,” Obama said of the bill that reauthorizes the State Children’s Health Insurance Program.

“Because the way I see it, providing coverage to 11 million children through CHIP is a down payment on my commitment to cover every single American,” he said to applause before turning to the economic recovery bill.

“It won’t be easy; it won’t happen all at once,” Obama said. “But this bill that I’m about to sign, that wasn’t easy either.”

Obama and his advisers see the economic crisis as his window to push through many of his campaign pledges. Renewable energy, financial regulation and even rural Internet access all have been tied to repairing the nation’s fractured economy. In the process, Obama has exposed his plan to criticism and questions that threaten to jettison the first major legislation his team has assembled.

“I refuse to accept that millions of our children fail to reach their full potential because we fail to meet their basic needs. In a decent society, there are certain obligations that are not subject to trade-offs or negotiations, and health care for our children is one of those obligations,” Obama said, signaling he was readying for a fight.

Obama has faced a difficult week, his second full one in office. Daschle, the former Senate Democratic leader, withdrew his nomination as secretary of health and human services after acknowledging he failed to pay taxes on a car and driver provided by a Democratic fundraiser. His departure also left in the president’s team a large gap for someone to usher through sweeping reform Obama has promised.

The children’s health bill calls for spending an additional \$32.8 billion on SCHIP, which now enrolls an estimated 7 million children. Lawmakers generated that revenue by raising the federal tobacco tax.



Lawrence Jackson / The Associated Press

**President Obama signs into law the State Children’s Health Insurance Program in the East Room of the White House Wednesday.**

Health officials project that there are about 8 million to 9 million uninsured children in the United States.

The bill went to the White House fresh from passage in the Democratic-controlled House, on a vote of 290-135. Forty Republicans joined in approval.

Most Republicans, though, criticized the cost of the legislation. They also said it will mean an estimated 2.4 million children who otherwise would have access to private insurance will join the State Children’s Health Insurance Program instead.

“The Democrats continue to push their government-run health care agenda — universal coverage, as they call it,” said Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas.

The bill’s passages has long been a top priority of Democratic lawmakers. In late 2007, President George W. Bush twice vetoed similar bills. The Senate passed the same bill last week. Obama made it a top priority in his first 100 days and one step in his push for universal coverage by the end of his first term.

“President Obama and Congress are demonstrating that change has come to Washington, and we are moving forward to improve the quality of life for American families struggling during these hard times,” said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

SCHIP was created more than a decade ago to help children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private coverage.

Federal money for the program was set to expire March 31, barring action by Congress. To cover the increase in spending, the bill would boost the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes by 62 cents, to \$1.01 a pack.

Opponents of the bill complained that the tobacco tax increase hits the poor the hardest, because they are more likely to smoke than wealthier people. Many also took exception to expanding the program and Medicaid to children of newly arrived legal immigrants.

Republicans said that they supported SCHIP and providing additional money for the program. However, they argued that Democrats were taking the program beyond its original intent and encouraging states to cover middle-class families who otherwise could get private insurance.

“This debate is about, do we want a children’s health insurance program that covers every child in America with state and federal dollars regardless of their ability to pay?” said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas. “Do we want to freeze out the private sector for health insurance?”

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## Sanford takes over jobless agency

**S.C. governor hopes to revamp unemployment trust fund system**

Jim Davenport  
*The Associated Press*

Legislation introduced Wednesday would give Gov. Mark Sanford control of the unemployment benefits agency that he has criticized as being out of control in a fight that at times has threatened to halt checks to South Carolina’s jobless.

The state unemployment rate of 9.5 percent in December was the nation’s third highest as more than 200,000 people were without work.

House Majority Leader Kenny Bingham’s legislation

would make the South Carolina Employment Security Commission part of the Republican governor’s cabinet and rename it the Workforce Department. It does nothing to address shortfalls in an unemployment trust fund that has the commission needing more than \$300 million in federal loans to cover payments through March.

In December, Sanford refused to sign off on federal borrowing until the 11th hour after weeks of criticizing the agency for not providing details about the state’s unemployed. He relented when a deal was struck on that issue and when legislators called for an audit of the commission.

It is “clearly an agency he

ought to have control over,” said Bingham.

For now, the bill should help in getting the information needed to help put people to work and bring cooperation with the state Commerce Department, Bingham said.

“The problem we’ve got right now is we’re trying to get our hands around what the real problems are — where the problems are — inside the agency.”

Bingham said he and House Speaker Bobby Harrell have been working on plans to fix the commission’s problems since news broke last fall that the agency was running out of money to pay jobless benefits. He said he has not found a state with an unemployment system run by an independent agency.

Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said the change would make the agency more accountable. Sanford called on legislators to send him the bill quickly.

The commission’s chairman and its executive director did not immediately respond to interview requests.

Bingham said the second part of the overhaul to come would involve ways to make sure the unemployment trust fund and system operate more like an insurance program. He wants employers who send fewer workers to unemployment lines to pay less and those that create more claims to pay more. For instance, Bingham, said the state’s largest employers seem to be taking more out of the system than they are putting in taxes.

Apart from moving the agency into Sanford’s cabinet, the bill also eliminates three commissioners’ roles in deciding claim appeal issues in three years. Afterward, those appeals would be handled by the state’s administrative judge system.



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**Gov. Sanford gives his State of the State address in January.**

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# Obama: Catastrophe coming if Congress doesn't act

**Republicans hope to reign in president's spending through economic recovery plan**

Andrew Taylor  
*The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — Republicans tried to push back against the ballooning size of President Barack Obama's economic recovery plan Wednesday even as he said the financial crisis would turn into "a catastrophe" unless the bill passed

quickly.

Obama summoned centrist senators to the White House to discuss a plan to cut more than \$50 billion in spending from the measure, which now tops \$900 billion and appears headed higher.

Sens. Susan Collins and Ben Nelson tentatively have agreed to trim that amount, a Nelson spokesman said, though details were not immediately available.

Their effort is central to building at some bipartisan support for legislation that has come under

increasing attack for too much spending unrelated to jolting the economy right away.

Obama indicated he is amenable to changes.

"No plan is perfect, and we should work to make it stronger," Obama said at the White House. "Let's not make the perfect the enemy of the essential. Let's show people all over our country who are looking for leadership in this difficult time that we are equal to the task."

Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, an Obama GOP ally, said she had

a productive meeting with Obama and urged that the measure be "thoroughly scrubbed" of spending items that won't do much to create jobs immediately.

The cost of the plan raced past \$900 billion after the Senate on Tuesday added money for medical research and tax breaks for car purchases. An effort to add \$25 billion more for public works projects narrowly failed, but probably will be revived.

The cost could go higher if senators approve making a tax break for homebuyers more generous.

Sen. Johnny Isakson is pressing for a tax credit of up to \$15,000 for everyone who buys a home this year. That would cost about \$20 billion. It also offers a \$7,500 tax credit to first-time homebuyers.

Taken together, the developments prompted a scolding from the Senate's top Republican.

"At some point, we're going to have to learn to say no," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "If we're going to help the economy, we need to get a hold of this bill. And making it bigger isn't the answer."

The Congressional Budget Office weighed in on a study that predicts the Senate plan would create as many as 3.9 million jobs, or as few as 1.3 million, by the end of 2010. The agency, which analyzes legislation for lawmakers, said ideas such as payments to states and low-income people are effective in jolting the economy.

But the CBO said a \$70 billion plan to cut the alternative minimum tax for one year would not provide a significant boost and that a plan to award money-losing businesses with refunds of taxes paid on previous profits would have a negligible effect.

Obama appealed to lawmakers to get behind his approach, saying Americans embraced his ideas when they elected him president in November. Republicans have focused on questionable spending, citing items such as money to combat sexually transmitted diseases, fix problems with the census and combat the flu.

Some Democrats are griping as well.

Rep. Jim Cooper told a Nashville, Tenn., radio station that he "got some quiet encouragement from the Obama folks for what I'm doing. ... They know it's a messy bill and they wanted a clean bill."



Susan Walsh / The Associated Press

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., left, talks to Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., as Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., second from right, and other Republican lawmakers, participate in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.

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Phelpsgate:  
Time to get  
over it now

Swimmer hurt no one  
except himself with last  
year’s marijuana use

So Michael Phelps got high in Columbia (allegedly). Big deal.  
It isn’t as if he committed a major felony like some other high-profile athletes in the past — here’s looking at you, Michael Vick and DeAndre McDaniel.



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Now those guys needed to make some apologies. But for Phelps, I think it would have gone a long way if he had said something to the tune of “Yes, I did it, and I’ve done it before, and I liked it, but didn’t do it during competition.”

The argument if he had done that is that he probably would have lost a large deal of sponsorship and ad revenue that he garnered thanks to his 6-foot-4-inch frame and 14 career gold medals.

But why would Mazda, a Chinese-owned company, care? And what about Speedo, a company based in England? Sure, he may lose the Wheaties deal, but who eats Wheaties?

But unlike the prior named athletes, the only person Phelps hurt in this instance was himself. He didn’t hurt any fans with his drunk driving in November 2004, so why would this, a less serious offense, be any different? He also didn’t hurt Americans’ reputation, more than our leaders already have at least, because most of the world has decriminalized marijuana and don’t view it as that big of a deal.

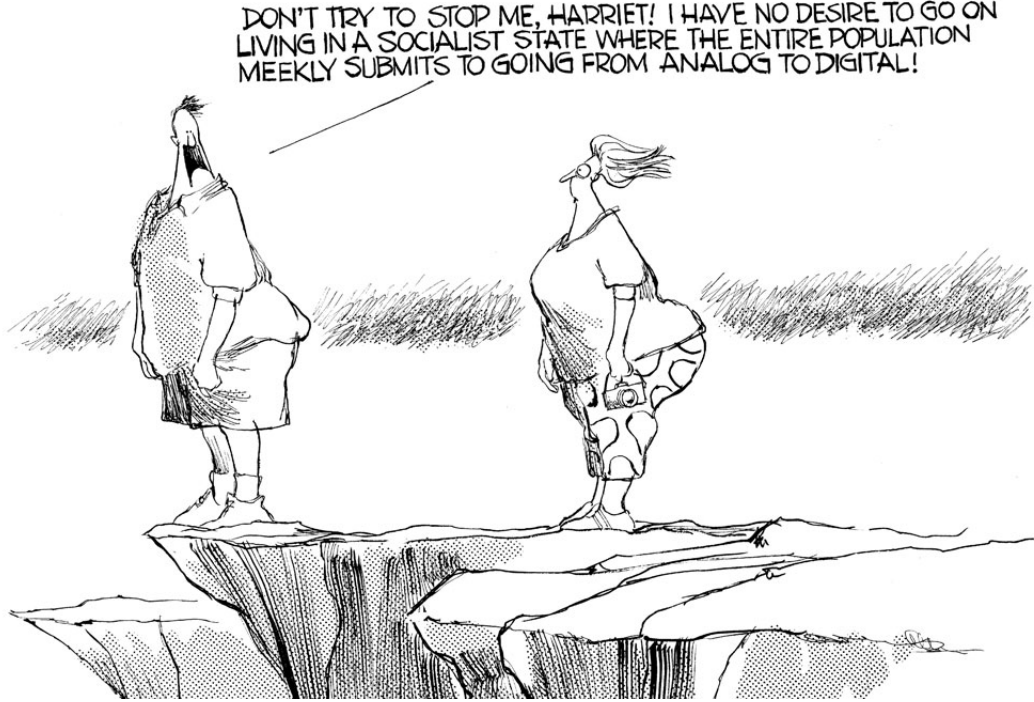
The worst part is, the offense wasn’t even caught by the paparazzi, but by a regular Joe who mailed it across the seas to our old nemeses, the British, and more precisely their scandalous press. You would think the person who snapped the photo would at least try to go American.

This photo wasn’t taken in public, and Phelps obviously thought he would have a moment of peace to enjoy himself. Lo and behold someone takes a snapshot of him hitting a bong. And who is to say it wasn’t for hookah?

Is Phelps a high-profile guy? Yes, Phelps is a celebrity and a role model and should be held accountable if he did it. But we need to ask ourselves why we hold celebrities to a higher standard. They are normal people like you and me. Well, normal if we were all 6’4” and could swim like a barracuda.

Phelps made a mistake in judgment, and he knows that. But we are blowing this whole thing out of proportion. This doesn’t, and shouldn’t, take away from his accomplishments in the pool and in life. He is a role model and celebrity, but he is also a regular guy, despite the fact he can swim very fast.

Any other person, and this is a slap on the wrist. But since it was Phelps, we want to come down harder on him. Phelps is not exempt from the law, but he shouldn’t be made an example of for such a petty offense.



MINORITY REPORT

Candidates all have strengths

Matin, Kirchhofer,  
Ross bring valuable  
ideas to SG table

In two weeks after this column is published, I and thousands of other USC students will be voting in the 2009 Student Government elections. This election affects us more directly than the “real” election last November ever will. This week, I’ll concentrate on the three candidates for student body president. I won’t give reasons to vote against any of them, because I can see how any of them can be elected for their own reasons.

Meredith Ross: The current student body vice president under the Gaekle administration, Ross’ experience is unrivaled — even though her opponents are both student senators. To her credit, some of her accomplishments include her contributions to the Cocky’s Caravan project, the fulfillment of the student farmers market, the Carolina Convoy to Gainesville in November and the rise of Ticket Return. As president, Ross promises to maintain positive relationships with

Dining Services, continue the Campus Kitchen and Cocky’s Caravan projects and promote mutual expectations of students and professors. However, should she become president, I believe that Ross, with an opportunity to pick up where she left off, is determined to fulfill an ongoing vision of the university as a place where it and the community coexist.

Drew Kirchhofer: The idealist in this race, Kirchhofer is a candidate with the ambition to lead. Kirchhofer insists that the ideas he puts forward are “difficult, but I will work vigorously to achieve them.” He runs on a platform of “communication, innovation and determination.” Simply put, for communication, Kirchhofer plans on keeping regular office hours and opening the office to the public. He also plans on hosting an open forum to gauge the ideas and opinions of the USC community so as to mold their opinions into SG legislation. He will shoot for innovative initiatives such as expanding the CarolinaCard off campus and the student section at Williams-Brice Stadium. Once again, he is very ambitious but insists that his proposals can occur regardless of the university’s financial crisis. I only brushed the tip of Kirchhofer’s proposed

initiatives; however, should he win and fulfill his campaign promises, Carolina will be a better place for it.

Carmel Matin: She comes off to me as the moderate in the race. Matin, another student senator, brings to the race a sense of determination, a sense of drive. Her campaign is based on an agenda of “Positive Open Progress.” The POP Campaign, as it’s called, promises to ramp up efforts to empower student organizations and unite the student body by promoting service. It recognizes that USC is, in the words of men’s basketball coach Darrin Horn, “the University OF South Carolina.” The most interesting thing about the POP Campaign is that a Matin-led SG may be more capable to deal with the financial crisis than Ross or Kirchhofer because she addresses it in explicit terms — and hopes to focus on initiatives that SG can undertake without large sums of student activity funds. This includes zeroing in on priorities such as campus safety, community outreach and campus convenience, to name a few.

This is only a glance at the candidates. The main question here is whether you prefer the experience of Meredith Ross, the ambition of Drew Kirchhofer or the drive of Carmel Matin.

Black history is our history

Designation of February  
for one group’s victories  
does not promote equality

In 1896, the Supreme Court declared in Plessy v. Ferguson that “equal but separate accommodations” for blacks were acceptable, thus institutionalizing the famous “separate but equal” doctrine.



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Fortunately, the court reexamined this doctrine in the 1954 case Brown v. Board of Education, overturning it. Sadly, however, this doctrine still lives on in Black History Month.

The original purpose of Black History Month was, as Gerald Ford put it, “to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans.” This was noble, to be sure and, in the past, this may have been necessary. However, the event has now outlived its purpose.

No one will deny that blacks throughout history have made important contributions to America and to the world. Certainly, black achievements ought to be viewed on the same level as achievements made by members of other races. That is, they ought to be treated equally.

But how can this happen when they continue to be treated separately? Blacks have made their way into the history books, and now there is no reason to treat “black history” separately from American history. Yet this is exactly what is being done through the continued observance of Black History Month.

American history is exciting, and it is something that should be appreciated year-round. Even though blacks struggled during much of this history, they are still a part of it. So why risk putting out the idea that individuals such as Thurgood Marshall should only be studied during the shortest month of the year (in the dead of winter, no less), while individuals such as John Marshall deserve to be studied all year?

I suppose some people are afraid that getting rid of Black History Month would lead to a decrease in appreciation of many black history makers. However, I think the opposite effect would be achieved: People would appreciate blacks in history even more.

Rather than look upon black history as something belonging to blacks, as the label suggests, I think that people may better realize that historical accomplishments by blacks are part of everyone’s history. After all, people such as Colin Powell are just as much a part of my history as they are anyone else’s. Right now, the old color lines perpetuated by Black History Month don’t allow this to be seen as clearly as it should be.

In the past, many courageous individuals fought for racial equality. Let us not deny them that equality with Black History Month. Let us eliminate it and fully acknowledge that black history is American history.

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IN OUR OPINION

New Cocky’s Caravan  
route plays favorites

The routes, they are a-changin’.  
With the updated Cocky’s Caravan stops, some students are being better served while others are getting slighted.  
The bus will now stop within the Greek Village, rather than at the street, saving those students a few steps. The residents of Bates House, however, lose their stop and now have to schlep across the bridge to the Blatt.

If the intention of the change was to shorten route time, there should at least be consistency in the shortcuts. Why cater to the Greeks while neglecting the Bates students, many of whom are freshmen and thus less likely to have their own transportation?

There’s another demographic being neglected here: off-campus students. With so many people opting out of on-campus housing, why limit the routes to the campus area?

The Caravan is being funded for a couple of dollars per student per semester. For a couple of dollars more, an entire new route and bus could be added to serve residents of Pointe West, The Retreat and the other student housing locations.

Cocky’s Caravan is, at its core, a great idea. It’s good for USC and good for the state. Mothers Against Drunk Driving ranked South Carolina second-worst in the nation for DUI fatalities and enforcement in 2007. A viable bus option helps remove the temptation to get behind the wheel when intoxicated.

But there’s still tinkering to be done if this service is going to be fully effective.

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THE MIX EDITOR



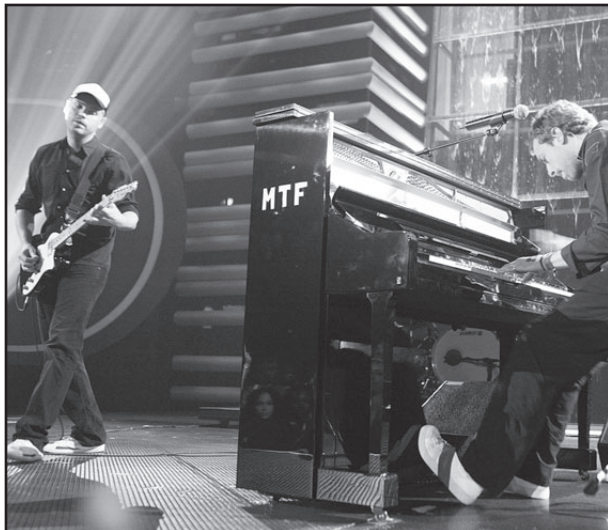
### 1. Bonnaroo Lineup 2009

Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band, Phish and the Beastie Boys — talk about a stellar lineup, and that's only the tip of the musical iceberg. On Feb. 3rd, Superfly Productions and AC Entertainment released quite possibly the strongest roster of artists that a festival has produced in the past 5 years. After 2008's mediocre schedule featuring Metallica, Pearl Jam and Jack Johnson, Bonnaroo has gone back to basics and combined the hippie and indie rock elements perfectly. Other artists announced for the June 11-14 music festival include The Decemberists, David Byrne of Talking Heads fame, Wilco and many others. Tickets go on sale on Feb. 7th and will be priced at \$224.50, \$234.50 and \$249.50, plus applicable fees.



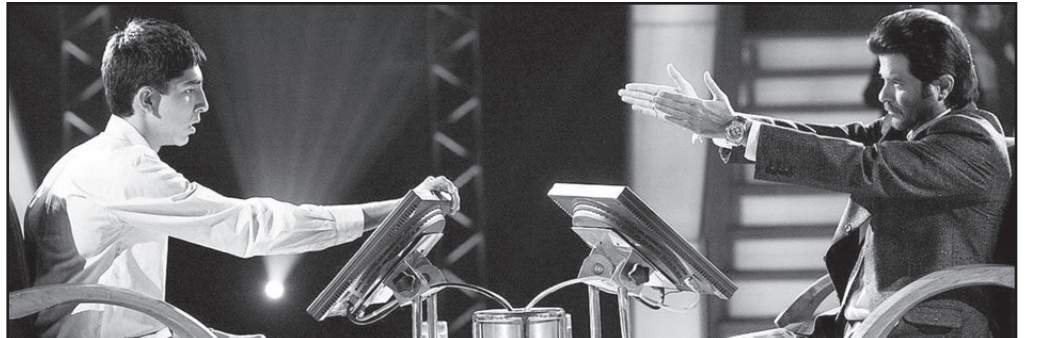
### 2. Beards

Take it from us; with the arctic winter air hitting Columbia, beards are back. While regrettably the Mix cannot properly grow this facial accessory, that doesn't mean you can't try. From musicians to academics, beards add that final touch of panache that gleams with class and edge. And they're easy to get. Just throw out that razor, sit back and relax. Yes, the lazy man's accessory is the perfect fit for the college man's life. Join the club of Santa and lumberjacks — but take caution when consuming a delicious meal for it may become part of your face.



### 3. iLife '09

With the release of iLife '09, Apple has proven once again how far ahead of the multimedia curve they really are. From facial recognition in iPhoto to music lessons in Garage Band, this software has it all. Apple has updated almost every facet of the previous edition to reveal a cleaner, more efficient product. Editing in iMovie is quicker and the facial recognition software makes searching pictures on your desktop a breeze. The update can be picked up at any Apple Store or online for \$79.00 or at the Russell House Apple Store for a reduced student discount.



### 4. Slumdog Millionaire

There are not enough adjectives available to fully describe how much The Mix enjoyed Danny Boyle's visually stunning and emotionally fanciful take on the slums of Mumbai. It follows the story of Jamal on his quest from poverty to India's version of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" all in the name of finding his lost love, Latika. Jamal, aptly played by 18-year-old Dev Patel, is accused of cheating on the show and must absolve himself by relaying his life story. What comes to fruition through Jamal's tale and Boyle's filmmaking is a beautiful and heartfelt concoction of magical realism and great storytelling. Nominated for 10 Academy Awards, Slumdog Millionaire is not to be missed.

### 5. The Grammys

Why in the world would CBS News Anchor Katie Couric take hip-hop superstar Lil Wayne bowling? The answer: to promote the Grammy Awards. The awards show will feature a wide range of performers from Jay-Z to Radiohead to U2. It appears that Coldplay's "Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends" is seen as the release holding the best advantage for album of the year, but Lil Wayne's phenomenal "Tha Carter III" could pull off an upset. Other nominees include Ne-Yo's "The Year of the Gentleman", Robert Plant and Alison Krauss' "Rising Sand" and Radiohead's "In Rainbows". The awards show airs Sunday night at 8 p.m. on CBS.

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## You Tube Clip of the Week

Internet dancer returns with second installment

Robert Johnson  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Most people probably do not know who Judson Laipply is.

The goofy, slightly pudgy motivational speaker from Ohio certainly is an unlikely celebrity. However, almost everyone who has access to the Internet has probably seen him at one point or another in the past few years. With more than 112,000,000 hits, the "Evolution of Dance" is one of the most commonly watched videos on YouTube ever. Some have even described it as "the funniest six minutes you've ever seen". Laipply has inadvertently made his goofy Orange Crush T-shirt into his own trademark. He still wears it when he does appearances too,

such as when he danced in the music video for Weezer's "Pork and Beans". Much like OK Go and Tay Zonday, his comedic sketch has proven just how far something as simple and seemingly childish as YouTube can take someone with a quirky idea. That's not bad, considering that the "Evolution of Dance" was only the finale of his act.

Well, after many years Laipply finally decided to release a sequel to the original six-minute YouTube mega-hit. The timing might be puzzling, but Evolution of Dance 2 is already gaining steam. It has barely been posted a month, and yet it already has more than 3 million hits.

The funny goofball of a dancer still has all his charm, too. All the songs and dances are ones he hadn't done in the last one, with songs from Soulja Boy and an imitation of OK Go's treadmill dance. Although

Laipply has an oddly impressive sense of grace, it's really funny to see someone try to do something as awkward as the OK Go bit while standing still.

Unfortunately, there is not quite as much to this video as to the original. Yes, it is entertaining, but after all this time you would think he'd be able to do more dances for a longer period of time. It is just more than four minutes long, and the variety is a bit more limited. Oddly, Laipply wasn't able to upload his act into his own account either due to legal reasons.

In the end, the quantity is only a minor gripe. It is a great show for a brief period of time, and with any luck it is an indication that he is going to keep it up, like other die-hard enthusiasts on YouTube.

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**CHARLESTON MUSIC HALL** Mar. 6 Disco Biscuits  
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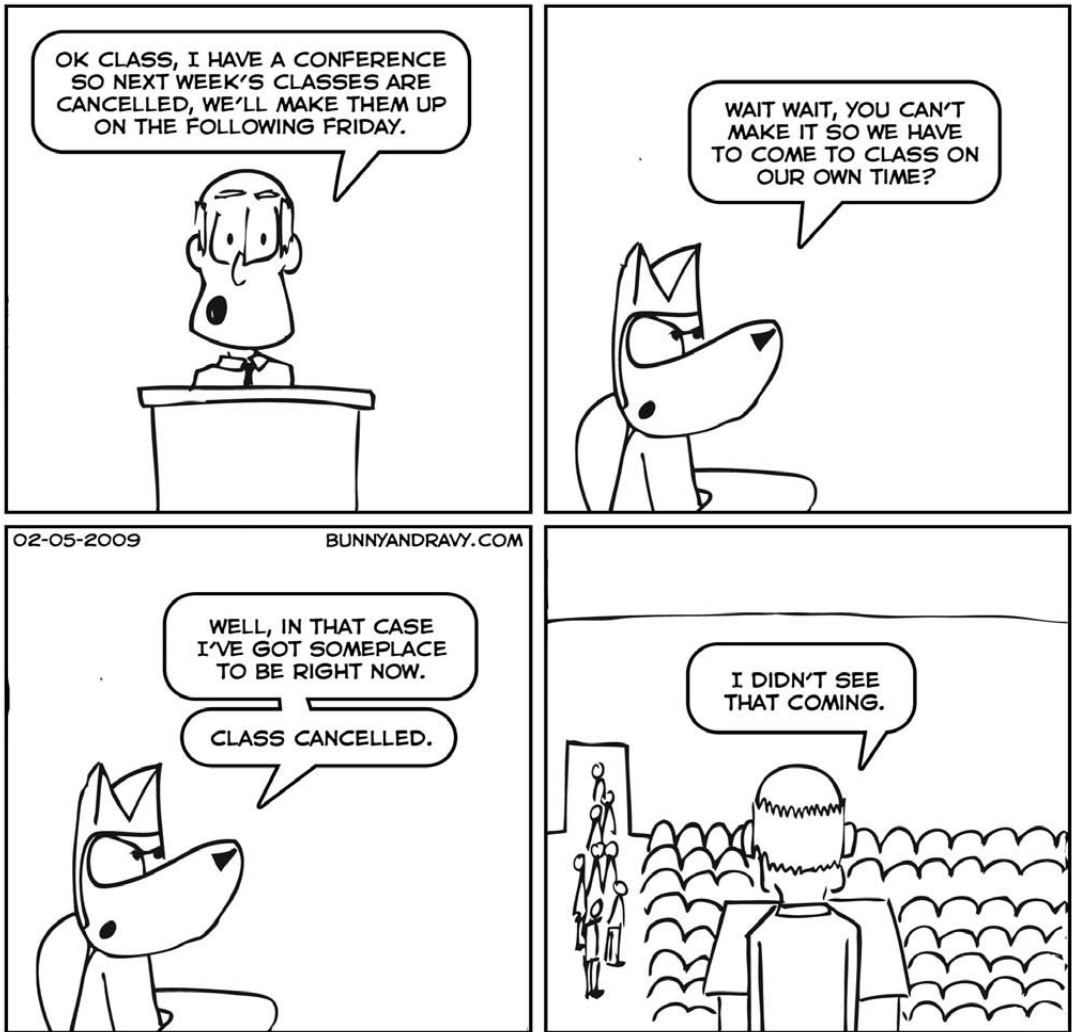
**AMOS' SOUTHEND** Feb. 24 Hinder  
**MCGLOHON THEATRE** Mar. 2 Joan Baez  
**THE MILESTONE** Feb. 7 Goblin Cock; Mar. 5 Maserati;  
Mar. 12 These Arms Are Snakes; Mar. 14 Peelandar-Z; Mar. 15 Caltrop; Mar. 25 Wavves  
**NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRE** Feb. 14 The Del McCoury Band; Feb. 19 Son Volt; Feb. 28 George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic; Mar. 11 Ani DiFranco  
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**VISULITE THEATRE** Feb. 6 Annuals; Mar. 7 Tim Reynolds







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**ARIES** Having a great idea is only the first part of the game. Next, you'll discover lots of reasons why it just won't work. Don't stop there; go on.

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**GEMINI** Present your proposal now; odds of success are high. You've visualized a world of which you would be proud. Now, find ways to make it happen.

**CANCER** You have something hidden away that can be transformed into money. It may already be money, now that you mention it.

**LEO** Confer with your partner on your next best course of action. Move from one victory to the next. You do that by reviewing your game plan.

**VIRGO** The job's in a difficult phase, but don't give up. Accomplish the goal, then invite a few friends over to share in your victory.

**LIBRA** Do something you've been thinking about that was outside your safety zone. Don't race off blindly; be prepared and proceed with caution.

**SCORPIO** You may not feel full of energy, but that's perfectly OK. Pamper yourself with sweet herbal teas and crumpets with raisins in them.

**SAGITTARIUS** Don't discard your wildest dreams; they're the most interesting. Share them with a person who might help you achieve them.

**CAPRICORN** One of the nicest things about being in overload is that you can kick the operation up to overdrive, generating more power.

**AQUARIUS** Enjoy every moment of this precious day. Tell somebody you love them, and mean it from your heart.

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6:30 p.m., \$10  
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## Crossword

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- 1 Home to a neutron
- 5 Full of activity
- 10 Flat floater
- 14 Pith helmet
- 15 Japanese-American
- 16 Abu Dhabi leader
- 17 Keats output
- 18 "Fatal Attraction" star
- 20 Submerged perennials
- 22 Seashores
- 23 Flies high
- 24 Catcher's glove
- 25 Granitelike rock
- 27 Wager
- 28 Freudian topics
- 32 Lacks
- 33 Show-biz notable
- 35 Vein content
- 36 Pithy saying
- 37 Shoshone
- 38 Pooped out
- 40 Take-away game
- 41 Indian bread?
- 43 Gives up
- 44 Surface measure
- 46 Soccer zero
- 47 Alabama port
- 48 Lacking locks
- 50 Last
- 51 Steamed dish
- 54 Gorbachev policy
- 57 "Fallin'" singer
- 59 Canyon's response
- 60 Diner listing
- 61 Capital on the Willamette
- 62 Body covering
- 63 Classroom favorites
- 64 Many-headed monster
- 65 Catch a glimpse of

DOWN

- 1 On the peak of
- 2 Kind of list
- 3 Magical command
- 4 Botching
- 5 Ticks off
- 6 Secretions of livers
- 7 Brought into play
- 8 Buddhist discipline
- 9 Crystal radio component
- 10 Narrate
- 11 Famous cookie man
- 12 Clenched hand
- 13 Very French?
- 19 Portable bed
- 21 Reckless spender
- 24 Fracas
- 25 Accra location
- 26 Low point
- 27 Narcotic nut taster
- 29 Noted porridge
- 30 Bay window
- 31 Have a feeling

Solutions from 02/04/09

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- 33 Boy with a bow
- 34 Francis and Kevin
- 39 Beirut populace
- 42 Let loose
- 45 Ancient calculator
- 47 Bad atmosphere
- 49 Will Smith title role
- 50 Pilot
- 51 Pack (down)
- 52 Nautical direction
- 53 Gum flavor
- 54 Anglo-Saxon tax
- 55 Marine vessel
- 56 N.Y. theater award
- 58 Jay follower



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Level **1** 2 3 4

**How to Play**  
Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution for 02/04/09

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3	2	6	8	7	9	5	4	1
7	1	3	9	6	4	2	5	8
5	6	9	7	8	2	1	3	4
2	4	8	3	1	5	7	6	9



# Carolina looks for second SEC win



Jewel May, wearing Demetress Adams' No. 24, tries for a tough score on the blocks against LSU last Thursday.

**Women's basketball still searching for contagious win without team leaders**

Jake Luce  
STAFF WRITER

Tonight the women's basketball team heads to Lexington, Ky. to battle the Wildcats in hopes of winning their second SEC game of the season.

South Carolina (9-11, 1-6 SEC) will continue through their arduous season as they take on Kentucky (12-10, 2-5 SEC) for the first time this year.

The last time these two teams met, the Gamecocks came out on top with a 65-57 win in March 2008. Prior to last year's matchup, the Wildcats had won four straight against South Carolina.

But this year's team is a completely different squad and with the coaching staff overhaul, the look of this women's basketball team should be a bit different under first-year USC coach Dawn Staley.

"Initially it was kind of hard for the players to know what we expected of them as coaches and now they know that it's going to be very intense," Staley said. "This year has been a total learning experience."

In terms of game preparations, the Gamecocks have been emphasizing offensive success as it has been a lacking aspect of the team's output recently. With leading scorers senior guard Brionna Dickerson and senior forward Demetress Adams, both sidelined with injuries, the young talent has been forced to step up offensively — but their success has not been evident.

"We are just trying to figure out a way to score," Staley said. "I think our defense has been pretty good and hopefully we will use our defense to create some offense."

The SEC has some very

impressive athletes throughout women's basketball, and South Carolina has realized that their youth and inexperience has hurt them throughout the season. This team lacks the pure athletic ability that it needs to be successful against the elite programs in the conference.

"What we are lacking is probably just overall talent. I think many teams have players who are used to playing a lot of minutes," Staley said. "We are young and our players have never experienced the minutes that they have this year and that takes a toll both mentally and physically."

Despite the disappointing record, the women's basketball team works to get better every day and has not given up on their season.

"It is hard once you've lost as many games as we have but at the same time we are plugging away to get the win," Coach Staley said. "Winning is a contagious thing and hopefully we can do it without our top scorer and rebounder."

The Gamecocks will be looking for that contagious win tonight against Kentucky as the team is looking for something to build on for the rest of the season. Though a win would be great for the team, the players and coaches know that the Wildcats will put up a serious fight.

"Against Kentucky it could be easy for us to try to run up and down like they do, but if the pace of the game is how they want it, then they will probably run us out of the gym," Staley said. "We have to pick and choose when to run and we have to control the tempo."

The women's basketball game is slated to start at 7 p.m.

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## Track and field athletes travel to famous meet

**Gamecocks set to compete in Armory Invitational in New York this weekend**

James Kratch  
STAFF WRITER

Coming off another stellar week, the USC track and field teams will look to keep their momentum going this weekend in the "city that never sleeps," as Carolina will compete in the New Balance College Invitational at the New York Armory.

The men's team, which remained ranked 14th in the nation after the weekend, will look for good efforts from sophomore Matt Shuler, who won the pole vault competition at this past weekend's Clemson Games, and redshirt sophomores Eddie Stoudemire and Scott Pierce, who took fourth and fifth respectively in the heptathlon at the meet, with Pierce setting a new personal record with 4,973 points. The Gamecocks will also be relying on junior Kevin Brinkley and freshman Jerry Thompson III in the pole vault.

The meet will be a return trip to the city for the men's relay team of sophomores Aaron Anderson and Johnny Dutch and juniors Quentin Moore and Obakeng Ngwigwa, who didn't compete in the Clemson meet but rather at the Millrose Games in New York last weekend,

taking second in the 4x400 meter relay.

On the women's side, the Gamecocks moved up one spot to the No. 12 ranking after the weekend's events. Carolina will need big performances this weekend from pole vaulters freshman Allison Nicosia, who was third at Clemson, and freshman Jocelyn Henline and redshirt junior CaAdrian Norman, who tied each other for fifth place.

USC also should receive solid performances out of redshirt junior KeKe Clark, who was able to finish third in the pentathlon this past weekend, posting a NCAA provisional score of 3,750 points and setting her up for a run at the NCAA Championships down the road, and the relay team of junior Brandi Cross, sophomore Gabby Glenn and freshmen Radiane Basden and Nadonna Rodrigues, who, like their male counterparts, took second in the 4x400 relay at the Millrose Games.

USC will face very stiff competition this weekend up north, as many of the nation's track and field powers, such as men's No. 1 Arkansas and men's No. 4 Oregon. Women's No. 1 Texas A&M will also be converging on Manhattan.

The Gamecocks sprint into action at the Invitational tomorrow, with the meet concluding Saturday.

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Tim Dominick / The Associated Press

Steve Spurrier and assistant coach Shane Beamer discuss USC's recruiting class and new position coaches Wednesday.

## USC introduces new coaches

**Football sees coaching turnover at nearly every area of the field; team restructuring begins**

Morgan Henley  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

There are six coaches new to the Gamecock football team that are part of an ongoing effort to improve an eager program.

The team is welcoming almost an entire new offensive coaching staff including tight end coach Jeep Hunter, running back coach Jay Graham, strength and conditioning coach

Craig Fitzgerald, quarterback coach G.A. Mangus and running game and offensive line coach Eric Wolford. New to the defense is coach Lorenzo Ward who will be the defensive coordinator and safeties coach.

The new coaches have already shown their ability through being able to add viable recruits to the roster. Lorenzo Ward was able to pick up defensive tackle Leon Mackey who knew Ward from his time at Arkansas. Mackey decommitted from Clemson because he would be forced to sit a year out due to a previous commitment to Virginia Tech in 2008.

"We've always had a bond and that's

one of the things you have to do in recruitment," Ward said. "You have to develop a relationship with them. His brother and him actually called Arkansas because they thought I was still there. They found out I wasn't there, and we get a call Saturday morning that said Leon was available."

The coaches have already started to implement some changes in their short time here. Fitzgerald has the team split up into groups competing in challenges such as sprints, bench press, chin ups and agility drills.

"Everyone's pushing from the walk-on to Eric Norwood," Fitzgerald

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said. “A couple guys like Norwood, Cliff Matthews, Lemuel Jeanpierre have really showed the way for the rest of the guys and they follow really closely. If you’re a football player, you’re a competitor. You go your whole offseason without playing a game, like our kids do, you go from spring to summer. It makes a long offseason. We want our guys to keep competing.”

It’s not surprising that a familiar sentiment comes from the new coaches. The opportunity to work under Coach Spurrier in the SEC is too tempting to pass up. The name that Spurrier has made for himself seems to surpass any doubtful thoughts of the Carolina football program.

“SEC football is the best,” Fitzgerald said. “Coach Spurrier is one of the most recognizable coaches to ever coach college football. Being recruited by him to come here as well as being in the SEC was just a super honor for me. I’ve heard of South Carolina for a long time. It’s a real proud

football program. I’m really proud to be a part of it.”

The Gamecock offense was in need of repair after a disappointing end to the 2008 season and senior running back Mike Davis graduating this year. The running game has gotten plenty of criticism and many attribute it to Spurrier’s technique. Running back coach Wolford hopes to change that.

“Obviously Spurrier is a very smart guy,” Wolford said. “His track record speaks for itself. He recognizes that he wants to run the football. Does that mean we’re going to run a football every play, no. There needs to be a running game in place where we can make the defense defend the field. We’re looking at several different ways to run the football.”

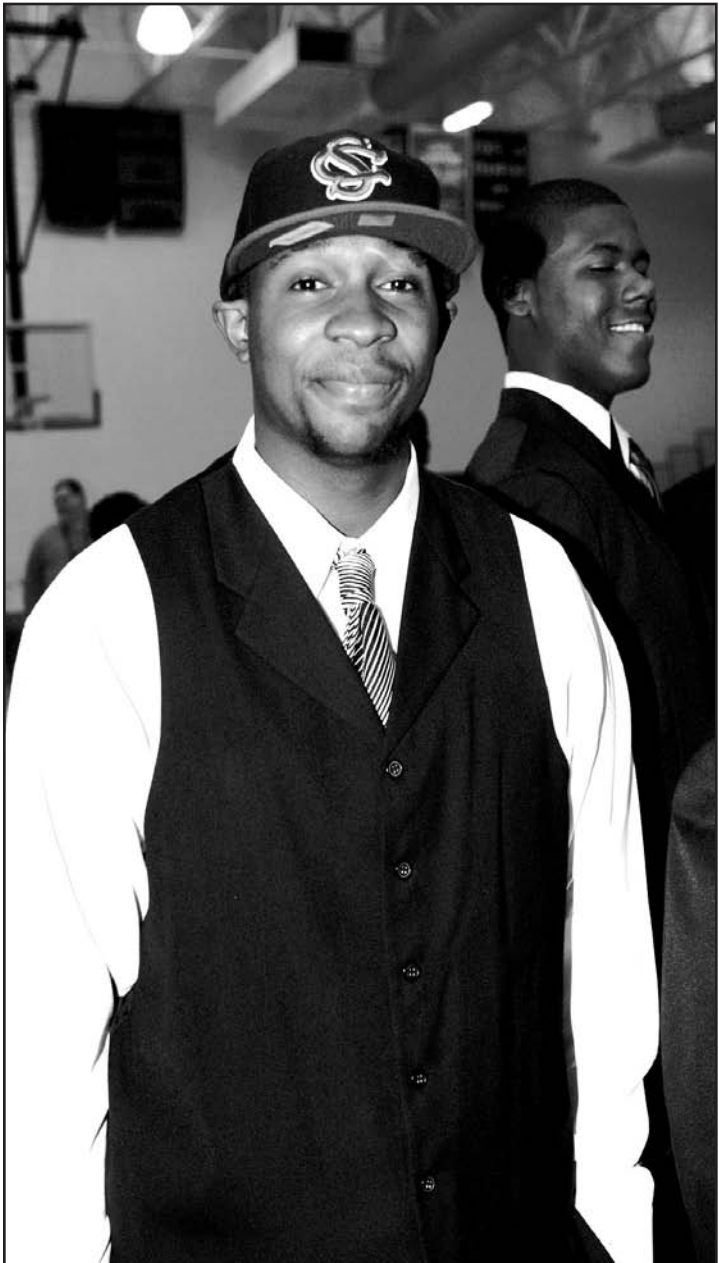
With promising new additions to the roster and a facelift to the coaching staff, Carolina has a lot to hope for in the upcoming season.

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## USC’s Top Recruits

Name	Height	Weight	Position
Stephon Gilmore	6-1	180	Ath.
Demario Jeffery	6-3	215	Ath.
Jarvis Jiles	5-11	175	RB
Alshon Jeffery	6-3	214	WR
Leon Mackey	6-6	260	DE

# Gamecocks land fifth straight Top 25 recruiting class



Alshon Jeffery, from Calhoun County, shows off his new school pride after announcing his decision to attend USC.

### Spurrier excited about group’s potential for leadership

Ty Zeigler  
STAFF WRITER

As the final recruits from the Lou Holtz era depart from USC’s campus, head coach Steve Spurrier will have a team in 2009 that features nothing but players recruited exclusively by his own staff. The “out with the old and in with the new” process undertaken upon Spurrier’s arrival is finally over.

According to Rivals.com, in the first four years as Carolina’s coach, Spurrier has brought in a top 25 recruiting class in each of the five recruiting cycles for which he has signed. One class has been in the top 10, and this year Rivals ranks the Gamecocks at No. 12 nationally.

The 2009 edition of Gamecock football will be the most talented group of athletes ever seen in Columbia. Spurrier and his staff have done an excellent job at bringing major talent to a school that has historically missed out on great prospects, even in its own home state.

The biggest difference between Spurrier’s players and Holtz’s group will have to be the attitudes, and Spurrier

touched on that issue in the signing day press conference held Wednesday.

“Give credit to our players. The ones we have here now have a wonderful attitude. It’s the best attitude in a long time. Craig Fitzgerald, our strength and conditioning coach, he said that of all the 6 a.m. workouts, we have had 100 percent attendance. I never have been able to say that since I’ve been here until now,” Spurrier said.

Even up to this past season, Spurrier called out several players (though he did not give names) for not having the right attitude and not being focused on the football program. An example of the coach’s comments, Emanuel Cook was kicked off the team for good after a poor academic semester forced him to sit out for the Outback Bowl.

With a team of more than 85 players now, all recruited and signed by Spurrier and his staff, the attitude of the team

is on par with what its coach says it needs to be, and the 2009 recruiting class appears to exemplify his values.

A major sign that the incoming players are bringing the best attitudes they can to the program is that many of the state of South Carolina’s best recruits chose to come to USC instead of more prestigious programs. The Gamecocks hauled in five of the top seven recruits in South Carolina, according to ESPN.

“I think it is interesting to note that this year it might have been one of the best years for in-state players. In-state, we were able to keep players here to play at the University of South Carolina. Certainly that is a big plus,” Spurrier said.

With the early results from the off-season workouts and the wave of in-state talent coming to the program, it appears that USC’s football team is actually proud to be

wearing garnet and black.

Individually, 2009 commitments Chris Payne and DeMario Jeffery have worked other recruits tirelessly in an attempt to get them to join their recruiting class, and they were often successful. Having prospects talking up USC over and over again is a sure sign that they genuinely care about the football program and want it to succeed during their time in Columbia.

“You can come to South Carolina and do something that has never been done, and that is win an SEC championship. I think this group, talking about Chris Payne and DeMario, those two guys are kind of an example to me of this entire signing class. There is a bunch of natural leaders, tough guys and competitors,” said recruiting coordinator Shane Beamer.

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## Bob Knight worth risk for UGA basketball, would bring prestige

### Legendary coach would help put SEC basketball back on the map

This past week, coach Bob Knight came out publicly and stated that he is interested in the vacant head coaching position at the University of Georgia. Knight, who has the most wins ever as a head coach with 902, would like to come back for one more stint. The Bulldogs have struggled all year long, going 9-11 on the season with no wins in the SEC.

In his career, Knight has always found a way to win. He led Indiana to 11 Big Ten Championships and five Final Four appearances. With Texas Tech, he took an average Red Raiders squad and led them to a tournament appearance in the 2001-2002 season for the first time since the mid-1990s. He would later lead Texas Tech all the way to the Sweet Sixteen in 2005. Knight gave up the coaching reigns in 2008 when he handed the program over to

his son, Pat Knight.

Clearly this man can coach, but there is another side to him. This is the same guy who allegedly choked one of his players during a practice while he was at Indiana. His career as the head coach of the Hoosiers ended in 2000 after Knight inappropriately grabbed the arm of a student at Indiana.

Knight has always had a temper, and he doesn’t always use the best judgment when dealing with his players. Just when people thought Knight had learned his lesson, he was caught slapping one of his players lightly on the face during a game at Texas Tech a few years ago. The incident blew over quickly, but it further prevented Knight from losing an image of someone who can’t be controlled.

Despite his antics, Georgia needs to do everything they can to land Knight in Athens. Players all around college basketball look past the negatives and hold great respect for the hall of fame coach. Knight is a great leader, and an even better teacher who knows how to win wherever he coaches.

After Florida won back-to-back titles a few years ago, SEC basketball has really lacked a sense of swagger. This year the

conference will be lucky to get five teams into the big dance and ESPN has the SEC listed as the 6th best conference in terms of RPI.

These days, people consider the SEC as strictly a football conference — and who could blame them? With coaches such as Steve Spurrier and Nick Saban, football gets all the attention. Knight could change how people view SEC basketball and along with Darrin Horn and Bruce Pearl, he could create a bright future for the conference down the road.

Georgia hasn’t been in any contact with Knight, but if they decide to hire him it will be the right decision. Programs need to forget about the baggage that comes with the coach because his success should overshadow all that. Knight would find a way to win and build up that program just like he had done at Indiana and Texas Tech. At the same time he would bring back the respect for SEC basketball that has been lost in the last few years.

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### Fraternity of the Month: Phi Sigma Kappa

At the recent MLK Service Day Phi Sig members went above and beyond the duty and volunteered the entire chapter in a day of service in Columbia.

The chapter held one of its more successful recruitments, netting 19 new members, doubling the average number of new members for fraternities for Spring.

Fall 2008 Chapter Facts  
2.99 GPA  
290 service hours  
\$500 for charity  
55% of their members involved in another student group



### Sorority of the Month: Delta Delta Delta

At the end for Finals Week for Fall members of TriDelta visited St. Jude’s research hospital to see first-hand how their gifts benefit patients and doctors.

Members toured the hospital and Target House, where families stay when at St. Jude’s, a beneficiary of the chapters philanthropy.

Fall 2008 Chapter Facts  
3.29 GPA  
1,199 hours of service  
\$21,500 for charity  
76% of their members involved in another student group



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